

Application No. 09/816,479
Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.312
Allowed: March 17, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment promotes uniformity in terminology between the claims so as to provide clarification under the doctrine of claim differentiation that the same meaning for the amended terminology is intended with respect to the corresponding terminology stated elsewhere in the claims. The amended language is not believed to raise any issues requiring further consideration and/or search and is not believed to affect patentability of the allowed claims. Furthermore, since the desirability of the presently submitted amendments was not realized until a post allowance review of the application, Applicants have acted diligently to present these claim amendments for reconsideration.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendments is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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